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## NEWSLETTER UPDATE NO: 15 – 19 SEPTEMBER 2014

Dates to Remember	
Monday, 22 September	Kenny Koala Protective Behaviours Kulture Break dance lessons
Tuesday, 23 September	Kenny Koala visits Preschool ACT Athletics Learning Expo 3.20 pm – 4.30 pm
Wednesday, 24 September	Learning Expo 9.00 am – 10.00 am Kulture Break dance lessons
Friday, 26 September	Kenny Koala visits Preschool Talent Show final 9.30 am End of Term 4
Monday, 13 October	Term 4 begins Kulture Break dance lessons
Tuesday, 15 October	Kulture Break dance lessons Information session on Maths Pack

Notes Going Home This Week
Learning Expo information

## MONASH SCHOOL IS ALLERGY FRIENDLY

### Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

It's been another busy and productive week at Monash, capped off this morning with a visit from the Minister for Education and Training Ms Joy Burch. Minister Burch was in the school during the lunch break and enjoyed talking with students and staff about a range of topics. We were able to showcase our kitchen garden program, our Community Hub, our values program and much more.

I would like to remind all members of our school community that we have a working bee that will be held at the school tomorrow to prepare our garden for Spring. The change in season means that there will be a variety of options growing in our garden for children to use in the kitchen as part of our Dirt to Dish program. The working bee runs from 9.00 am until 1.00 pm and includes a BBQ and activities for any children that come along.



On the garden theme, many of you will have noticed the significant progress that has been made on our outdoor learning area over the past fortnight. The area beside Bimbi Unit has certainly been transformed and we look forward to officially opening the area at the beginning of next term. Also next term we will have a community working bee to brighten up the area with some plants.

There has been a real buzz of excitement around the school over the past week as students have prepared and performed in auditions throughout lunchtimes for the *Monash Has Got Talent Show*. I understand that there are a few more auditions to take place before we find out who is in the final. The final will be held in the hall on Friday, next week at 9.30 am. This will be part of our end of term celebration. Parents/carers are welcome to attend.

I would like to extend my congratulations to two groups of students. Firstly, to the wonderful group who were invited to the Principal's Morning Tea yesterday. Either myself or Mr Buesnel host a morning tea each fortnight to acknowledge students in the school for the positive attitude and hard work. It's nice to be able to share some food and have a chat. Secondly, we have a number of students who will be representing Monash at the ACT Track and Field Carnival on Tuesday next week. It's the largest team that we have sent for quite some time and I would like to acknowledge these children for such a significant achievement.

### **Class Placement 2015**

We are currently planning for 2015 and the Executive team are looking at the preparation of our classes.

I would be grateful if you could inform me of any personal requests for your children by the end of the term which is Friday, 26 September. Please contact me by email or letter and your requests will be handled confidentially. We may not be able to accommodate your request fully but we will be able to share alternate options with you.

We work very hard to make sure your child/children is placed in an appropriate home group and we identify the teacher to the best of our ability. Sometimes there are changes but we feel the process is a valuable one as we try to ensure you have all of the information you need as a parent/carer/family to make the transition into 2015.

Finally, I would like to remind all members of our school community about our Learning Expo, which will be held next week. We are giving people the opportunity to come to the school on Tuesday afternoon (23 September) between 3.20 pm - 4.30 pm as well as Wednesday morning (24 September) between 9.00 am and 10.00 am to see the learning that children have been engaged in through the year so far. We look forward to seeing you and hope that one of the times is convenient for you.

Have a great weekend.

**Shane Carpenter**  
**Principal**

### **Deputy Principal's Brief**

Upon reflection, there have been quite a number of changes that have been made in recent years at Monash Primary under the umbrella of 'KidsMatter.' As has been mentioned before, KidsMatter is an Australian mental health and wellbeing initiative set in primary schools and in early childhood education and care services.



It's not a program, but a framework that helps these places take care of all their mental health needs by focusing on:

- creating positive school and early childhood communities
- teaching children skills for good social and emotional development
- working together with families
- recognising and getting help for children with mental health problems.

Some people may be surprised to hear the term 'mental health' being applied to young children. Mental health - like physical health - is something we all have. Like physical health, it can range from good to poor, and can also change over time.

Good mental health helps us form positive relationships with others, handle ups and downs, and generally enjoy life. With good mental health, children can feel confident and be more open to trying and learning new things.

Mental health doesn't mean being happy all the time. We all know what it's like to be sad, angry, afraid, or upset, and everyone will experience a range of these feelings. Sometimes these can lead to difficulties for children to manage. Because children grow and change so quickly, the way they experience mental health, and the support they need from adults, can be quite different depending on their age.

Our KidsMatter team, which consists of a number of teaching staff and parents, have been continuing to plan how we use KidsMatter as a framework to improve mental health for all children at our school.

**Andrew Buesnel**  
**Deputy Principal**

### **Health Issues**

We have had two cases of head lice in Dulma and Bural Units. Please check your child/ren's hair and treat if required.

Also a case of chicken pox has been reported in Yerra Unit.

### **CHILDREN'S LUNCHESES/SNACKS**

Please ensure that students do not have any nut products eg peanut paste, Nutella, etc in their lunches or snacks as we have a number of children who are anaphylactic. Thank you.

### **Mr D's PE News**

Congratulations to the following eleven students who have qualified for the ACT 12 and Under Athletics Carnival on the 23 of September. For the size of Monash School 11 competitors is one of the best if not the best in the ACT.

Below is a letter I received from the President of the Tuggeranong Lions Junior AFL Football Club.

"It is with great pleasure I would like to inform you that three year five Monash students received Tuggeranong Lions Junior Football awards.

Alexander Under 11's best and fairest award

Floyd Under 11's players player award

Zac Under 11's most improved award.

Alexander also came 4th in the ACT AFL Best and Fairest awards. This is an excellent achievement considering there are 18 teams and in excess of 380 players in this competition. Alexander received his certificate at the AFL Junior Presentation night."

President, Tuggeranong Lions Junior Football Club

Congratulations Alexander, Floyd and Zac.

This is the second week of Hockey Clinics for Years 2 to 6. Last week Zac Absolom, our instructor from ACT Hockey, guided the children through the basics of Field Hockey. He told us how to hold the stick (for those of you who don't know all hockey players play right handed) with left hand at the top and the right hand, depending on the dribble being used, passing or shooting, can be at the top or the bottom of the grip. Of course for safety no one is allowed to take the stick above the waist. In hockey the ball can only be played off the flat side of the stick and the ball is not allowed to touch anyone's foot. Zac took us through the three different dribbles, bubble gum (ball stays on the stick), elastic band (defence close, ball is close to stick and defence further away stick is further away from ball), Indian (player spins stick around and plays ball from both sides). The next skill was basic passing and how to trap the ball as you catch it before passing it back. He also took us through some Tiger Woods type drills and seeing how many times we could keep the ball on the stick. Zac kept the ball on the stick over 50 times. Some students could do it around 20 times. This week we will practise passing and tackling.

For the year Kindergarten to Year 2 students we are working on catching, throwing, balancing and other fundamental movement skills. Last week on Thursday as it was cold outside the kindergarten students were eaten by the big blue monster sandwich in the hall. This week the kindergarten classes KP and KC were taken through an obstacle course that put them through jumping, hopping, running, hurdling and other fundamental movement skills.

We are almost two rounds into the Monash Basketball Competition. We have approximately 50 children on six different teams. The teams are very even as everyone has a win or a draw already. The children have been playing at lunchtimes through the week.

**Mr D**  
**Monash PE Teacher**

**ATTENTION PARENTS**

**ARE YOUR CHILDREN RETURNING TO MONASH IN 2015?**

Could you return the slip below if you are not likely to be returning to Monash School in 2015 (this does not include current Year 6 students).

This information, if possible, is required by **Friday, 26 September** so that we can begin configuring classes for 2015. Your assistance with this information is greatly appreciated.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year Level \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year Level \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year Level \_\_\_\_\_

My child/children **will not** be returning to Monash School 2015

My child/children are **not likely** to return to Monash School in 2015.

**P & C NEWS**

**Canteen**



**\*\* PARENT HELPERS NEEDED NEXT FRIDAY \*\***

Parent Volunteers are always needed and appreciated. Please consider sparing some time to help in canteen, we really rely on parents to help in canteen. Contact us at canteen, or on 6292 6357, [monashpscanteen@outlook.com](mailto:monashpscanteen@outlook.com). If you are able to help in any way, there is an availability roster for you to place your details for the following term.

**Parent Volunteer Roster**

Mon 22 Sept	Jo	Mon 13 Oct	Jo
Tues 23	ASSISTANCE NEEDED	Tues 14	ASSISTANCE NEEDED
Wed 24	Rachael	Wed 15	Rachael
Thurs 25	Julie	Thurs 16	Elise
Friday 26	Lyn	Fri 17	Diane

Please contact us at canteen if you can help in canteen. [monashpscanteen@outlook.com](mailto:monashpscanteen@outlook.com) or 62916357

**The Canteen Staff would like to advertise to the school community, that the Canteen will have a minimum amount of food available for lunch orders on Monday, 13 October 2014.**

## **"Hub Happenings"**

As we approach the end of Term 3 I thought it would be nice to have a couple of wind down activities before school holiday break.



Thursday 25 September at 7.00 pm - we will be holding a pamper night at the Hub with Body Shop products. There will be stations set up for feet, hands and face. Some make up products will also be available. Come along and be pampered. If you like any of the products you will be able to purchase if you wish, otherwise just come along relax and enjoy. (If you are thinking of coming please let me know or pop your name down at the front office so I can get an idea on numbers.)

Playgroup Friday 26 September starting at 9.30 am to 12.00 noon. We will be making a roast for lunch in our new oven and enjoying a meal together. The usual activities for the children will run and we will also be making a dessert which the children will help prepare in the kitchen. This is a great opportunity to connect with others and if you have not come along to playgroup before, it is both enjoyable for parents and children.

The pumpkin decorating competition starts in Term 4 and the winner will be drawn on 31 October. The holiday's would be the perfect time to start decorating. All decorated pumpkins will be displayed in the Hub. It is a gold coin donation to enter and the winner will win a family pass to Flipout.

The next Hub magazine is in the planning and for the double sided front cover we would like to have a collage of family/carers photos. These can be selfies or photos taken by someone else. If you are interested in letting us use your photos please let me know.

## **Hub Coordinator**

### **PAYING FOR EXCURSIONS VIA OUR WEBPAGE**

You may notice on our excursion notes that it now lists a reference number eg 8200-000-00 this is a reference which relates to a specific excursion on our MAZE system used for receipting payments.

The family code is usually the first five letters of your surname and the initial of your first name.

The bank account details for Monash School is Westpac BSB 032777 Account No. 001674.

If you have any queries, please phone the front office.

Thank you

### **Lost Property**

Please check lost property if you are missing any clothing items. Anything left at the end of term will be donated to a charity or the second hand clothing pool.

### **School Hats**

The front office has bucket hats for sale at \$10 each in medium or large sizes.

### **ENTERTAINMENT BOOK!**

Please return the Entertainment Book that was sent home with your child immediately as we are now finalising the fundraiser.

CLICK HERE TO BUY NOW!

<<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/238c54>>

Thank you for your support!



## SCHOOL BANKING

Why not join in the fun at your school!! School Banking operates each Friday, except the last day of term. Please bring completed bank books to the Front Office



## SCHOOL UNIFORMS

School uniforms are available from Savvy School & Formal Wear, shop 32, Homeworld, Soward Way, Tuggeranong. For any enquiries, please phone Savvy on 6293 4342. All Monash parents receive 10% off uniform purchases.



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### **School holidays at the Arboretum**

The National Arboretum Canberra will host a series of exciting activities throughout the ACT and NSW school holidays (**Saturday 20 September to Sunday 12 October 2014**) to allow visitors from interstate as well as the locals to enjoy the Arboretum during their break.

School holiday activities include Clydesdale horse-drawn carriage rides, kite making, bonsai workshops and guided walks for the kids.

There will also be a State Emergency Services storm awareness open weekend and a free creative corner at the Village Centre open every day between 10 am and 3 pm throughout the school holidays.

There will be something for everyone at the Arboretum these school holidays.

The full program of events is available at the [National Arboretum Canberra website](#) or by calling Canberra Connect on 13 22 81.

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*Do you like to Run, Jump and Throw? Are you aged between 5 and 17?  
Don't miss out on the action!*

**Join Calwell Little Athletics**  
**Come down to our registration sessions**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> September 6-8pm  
St Francis of Assisi Primary School, Casey Cres, Calwell  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> September 1-4pm  
Calwell Shopping Centre, Were St Calwell

Calwell Little Athletics meets at Calwell Playing Fields every Saturday morning  
starting 8:45am

Commencing 11<sup>th</sup> October through to end of March  
For more information visit our website: [www.clac.net.au](http://www.clac.net.au) Or  
Phone David Lawrence (Registrar) on 0411 144 046

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